
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – April 11, 2022
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas J. O’Loughlin and Select Board member Paul A. Mazzuchelli and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

ABSENT: Member Michael K. Walsh

1. Mr. O’Loughlin opened the meeting for re-organizational purposes. He then turned the meeting over to the Town Administrator for the election of a new Chairman. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To appoint Thomas J. O’Loughlin as Chairman, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of March 28, 2022 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of April 4, 2022 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
5. Invitation to Speak – Brendon Rickert told the Board he would like to get more people to vote at the Town Elections. He would work with the Select Board to find creative ways to encourage people to vote. Mr. O’Loughlin said maybe the Town should look to hold the election in May. Nick Cusworth presented data on the voter turnout from Milford since 1960 and it is trending downward. He also had data for surrounding Towns. Mr. O’Loughlin said we could have the election at one (1) polling location. We should look at every option and idea to increase voter participation. Mr. Mazzuchelli said we provide in person and mail in voting. The interest from residents is not there. We need more education and awareness. Bryan Cole said we could do marketing such as reverse 911 calls and putting up a banner.
6. Greater Milford Social Club, LLC of 28 Granite Street requested a transfer of a Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License from Richard’s Food and Drink, Inc. on February 28, 2022. The manager is Thomas Parente. After the transfer was approved, we were informed by the ABCC that Notice should have been sent to abutters. We have now sent Notice to all abutters. They are also seeking a Change of location. All paperwork is in order.

The Board needs to VOTE to approve the Transfer and the Change of Location. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the transfer of the Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License from Richard's Food and Drink, Inc. and the Change of Location. UNANIMOUS.

7. Police Chief James F. Falvey was present to discuss a proposed Policy for reporting Abuse, Excessive Force or Misconduct by Law Enforcement Personnel. He provided a Memo outlining the Proposal. The Policy requires Officers to report abuse, excessive force and misconduct observed on the job. This Policy was bargained by Town Counsel with the Union. Mr. Mazzuchelli said the Policy outlines what is needed to create accountability from the Police force. Mr. O'Loughlin said Milford Police Officers "do the right thing." Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To accept the Policy as presented by the Police Chief. UNANIMOUS.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – April 11, 2022 – NONE.

1. Expansion of Patio Service and Take/Away Delivery of Alcohol – Governor Baker signed into law a new Act which permits licensees for on-premises consumption to continue with (1) expanded patio service and (2) extends the ability to sell alcoholic beverages for takeaway and delivery as follows:

Patios/Outdoor Expansions: licensees that have been approved for expanded patio/outdoor service may continue their outdoor operations until April 1, 2023.

Licensees that seek to continue patio/outdoor service after April 1, 2023, are encouraged to apply in the ordinary course for an alteration of premises with their local licensing authorities. Otherwise, these amended licenses automatically revert to the status prior to the approval of the expansion of outdoor service as of April 1, 2023.

Takeaway/delivery of alcohol: establishments licensed for on-premises consumption of alcohol may continue takeaway and delivery sales of alcohol until April 1, 2023. All alcohol sold for takeaway/delivery must be sold with food and at the same price as alcohol for on-premises consumption.

2. Milford Fire Department Grant – I have been informed by Fire Chief Mark Nelson the Milford Fire Department has been awarded \$1,545.32 in funding from the Automated External Defibrillator Equipment Program offered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research. The Department will purchase a defibrillator will be placed in a Fire Department vehicle.

9. Mr. O'Loughlin said the Town should look to extending the Expansion of Outdoor Patio Service.
10. The Board received an update from Select Board Chairman Tom O'Loughlin and Town Administrator Richard Villani regarding Amazon. There was a complaint from a Beach Street resident which has been addressed. An Amazon representative will contact the resident directly. Amazon is also communicating directly with the Hopedale Police Chief to discuss any issues in Hopedale.
11. The Board received a copy of the May Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Mazzuchelli said he is satisfied with the Warrant and if there is a need the Board can discuss Articles at a future meeting. Mr. O'Loughlin said we can review at a future meeting to provide Select Board Member Walsh an opportunity to discuss the Warrant. The Articles will be debated at Town Meeting.
12. The Board reviewed a Memo from Senior Center Director, Sue Clark, requesting a Change of Hours for the Senior Center. The new hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM and Friday from 8 AM to 1 PM. The Board agreed with the proposed changes. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the Change of Hours as recommended by the Senior Center Director. UNANIMOUS.
13. The Board reviewed two (2) Applications by Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish. The first is for the Spanish Community, for a Permit to Obstruct for the Living Way of the Cross on Good Friday. The procession will begin at 11:15 AM from the lower church to Winter Street to East Main Street to Spring Street to School Street to Pearl Street to Granite Street and returning to Winter Street for the crucifixion on the back lawn of the rectory. There is a second application for a Permit to Obstruct for a candle light procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima following Mass at around 8 PM. The Procession will begin at Church Street, down Winter Street to East Main Street to Pearl Street to Granite Street and return to the Church. Police Chief has approved both Permits. The Town Administrator reviewed and approved both Permits to Obstruct. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To ratify the Town Administrator's approval of both Permits. UNANIMOUS.
14. The Board reviewed an Application by St. Mary of the Assumption for a one-day All Alcohol beverage license for a banquet fundraiser event to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM at the St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Hall on Winter Street in Milford. The Town Administrator reviewed and approved the one-day All Alcohol beverage license. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To ratify the Town Administrator's approval of the one-day All Alcohol beverage License. UNANIMOUS.

15. The Board reviewed an Application by St Mary of the Assumption for a one-day All Alcohol beverage license for a fundraiser festival event to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Parish Grounds and Winter Street in Milford. The Town Administrator reviewed and approved the one-day All Alcohol beverage license. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To ratify the Town Administrator's approval of the one-day All Alcohol beverage License with an amendment of the hours to be 2:00 PM to midnight. UNANIMOUS.
16. The Board reviewed an Application by St. Mary of the Assumption for a One-Time Entertainment license for a folk festival fundraiser event to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Grounds on Winter Street in Milford. The Town Administrator reviewed and approved the One-Time Entertainment license. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To ratify the Town Administrator's approval of the One-Time Entertainment license. UNANIMOUS.
17. The Board reviewed an Application by the Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish for a Permit to Obstruct for the Brazilian Community Traditional Festa Junina on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM. They are requesting to restrict Winter Street to vehicular traffic between East Main Street and Granite Street from 8:00 AM to midnight. Police Chief James Falvey has reviewed and approved the Permit subject to requiring representatives from the Church to meet with Deputy Chief Robert Tusino to discuss public safety requirements. The Town Administrator reviewed and approved the Permit to Obstruct. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To ratify the Town Administrator's approval of the Permit to Obstruct. UNANIMOUS.
18. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:52 PM.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Michael K. Walsh, Chairman

Thomas J. O'Loughlin

Paul A. Mazzuchelli